

CLAIMS

I claim:

1 1. A combination colander bowl and container set,
2 comprising:

3 a bowl having an inner surface, an outer surface, and an
4 upper rim defining a top opening;

5 a cover shaped and dimensioned to cover the top opening of
6 the bowl, the cover having a rim; and

7 a strainer having an outer rim attached to the inner surface
8 of the bowl.

1 2. The combination colander bowl and container set
2 according to claim 1, wherein said bowl has an open bottom and a
3 lower rim extending around the open bottom, the set further
4 comprising a removable bottom plate covering the open bottom of
5 said bowl, the bottom plate having a rim, whereby the bottom
6 plate is removable from said bowl in order to use said bowl as a
7 colander.

1 3. The combination colander bowl and container set
2 according to claim 2, further comprising:

3 a first lid attachable to said cover, the first lid forming
4 a snap-fit to the rim of said cover, whereby the first lid and

5 said cover form a first substantially airtight container when the
6 first lid is attached to said cover;

7 a second lid attachable to the rim defining the top opening
8 of said bowl, the second lid forming a snap-fit to the upper rim
9 covering the top opening;

10 a third lid attachable to the lower rim of said bowl, the
11 third lid forming a snap-fit to the lower rim covering the open
12 bottom of said bowl, whereby the second lid, the third lid, and
13 said bowl form a second substantially air-tight container when
14 the second and third lids are attached to said bowl;

15 a fourth lid attachable to said bottom plate, the fourth lid
16 forming a snap-fit to the rim of said bottom plate, whereby the
17 fourth lid and said bottom plate form a third substantially air-
18 tight container when the fourth lid is attached to said bottom
19 plate.

1 4. The combination colander bowl and container set
2 according to claim 1, wherein said cover is convex upwardly,
3 having a top side, a bottom side and a substantially flat center
4 portion in the top side, whereby the flat center portion rests
5 substantially flush against a flat surface when said cover is
6 inverted and placed on the flat surface.

1 5. The combination colander bowl and container set
2 according to claim 4, further comprising a handle formed in the
3 top side of said cover.

1 6. The combination colander bowl and container set
2 according to claim 5, further comprising a pair of handles
3 disposed on the outer surface of said bowl.

1 7. The combination colander bowl and container set
2 according to claim 1, wherein said cover and said bowl are made
3 from plastic.

1 8. A combination colander bowl and container set,
2 comprising:

3 a bowl having an inner surface, an outer surface, a
4 horizontal rod extending from outer surface, and a crank handle
5 with a main shaft extending horizontally from a point on the
6 outer surface opposite the horizontal rod, the main shaft and the
7 horizontal rod being coaxial;

8 a cover attachable to said bowl;

9 a strainer having an outer rim attached to the inner surface
10 of said bowl; and

11 a tripod, the bowl being rotatably supported on the tripod
12 by the horizontal rod and the main shaft, and the bowl being

13 rotatable about the coaxial horizontal rod and main shaft by
14 turning the crank handle.

1 9. The combination colander bowl and container set
2 according to claim 8, wherein said bowl has an open bottom, the
3 set further comprising a removable bottom plate covering the open
4 bottom of said bowl.

1 10. The combination colander bowl and container set
2 according to claim 9, further comprising a spring disposed on
3 said tripod, said spring being positioned below said bottom
4 plate, whereby said bottom plate is supported on the spring when
5 said bottom plate is removed from said bowl.

1 11. The combination colander bowl and container set
2 according to claim 8, further comprising a plurality of wheels
3 attached to said tripod, said tripod being supported on said
4 plurality of wheels.